

Learning to sail with Jesus

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MANY POINTS I HAVE A PRELIMINARY
IDEA.

WAESHAEL

A Life

Introduction

I am now 75 years old and for the first sixty years of my life I never knew Jesus, though I was not an Atheist, having been exposed to the Church at an early age. But I ignored Jesus completely.

Despite morning prayer at school in England, and my Mother's insistence that we went to Church with her occasionally, I never was impressed by any of it. None of my friends cared anything about 'god.' In morning assembly we sang rude words to hymn. I didn't own a Bible, and I don't remember seeing one in Father's house.

I was nevertheless surrounded by religious people. My grandmother was a Catholic and went to evening services and ate fish on

Fridays. An uncle was the verger at a Church alongside the Embankment of the river Thames. It had a pool table in the basement.

Our Parish church was Church of England –St. Michaels and All Angels. Funny that I should remember this after all this time.

Several of my friends were Jews at school, though that didn't mean much to me. But one was the daughter of the Director of ABPC Studios. I learned to drive my Morris Minor on the back lots where they filmed Moby Dick and Tommy The Toreador. The sound stages were some of the biggest in the World and Star Wars Episode IV, the first Star Wars was filmed there (much later of course.)

An Uncle was horse master for MGM studios, and Michael P's father was Sound Director for Elstree Studios.

I could so easily have ended up working for a Film studio. But my interest was modern electronics, and the studios were so old fashioned.

I wanted to be an Engineer

My Father had returned from Belgium and France in 1945, and he learned about Radar and radio communications from the Royal Air Force. He described to me how as part of his training he had to make a radio receiver from things he found on a beach.

Radar was very advanced electronics in 1945.

It was not surprising that my first job was working on TACAN radar as part of my engineering training. After my 'A' levels I was admitted, after an IQ test (scored 148) into the IEEE H.N.C. program and graduated

after a total of five years part time study, one of perhaps 3,000 electronic engineers in the U.K. that year. I read somewhere that only 10% of people ever finish the course.

During that time I worked part time on the design of a nuclear weapons radar altimeter in a top secret establishment in Kent. And when I graduated as an Engineer I was offered several jobs for the RAF, and military contractors, but the one that intrigued me was in Canada, and so I emigrated.

The job was the design of medical x-ray systems using miniature electronics, something I was quite at home with. Within a year I was the senior electronics engineer, and designing some very novel x-ray systems, never seen before. I won't bore you with the details, especially since this a book about Jesus, and he didn't have much to do with me

in those days, though in retrospect I can see the hand of God in my inventions.

I now understand that inventors get their novel ideas from supernatural inspiration. That must have been true in my case, as I had no one around to inspire me. I became head of Research and Development for the Company as an appreciation for my inventions, and I suspect as a way to keep me from interfering too much with the operational management. After that job I was made National Sales Manager for the Company's line of Vascular Image products that I had designed.

Looking back, I must have been well paid, because I owned a custom yacht, a nice house and two Alfa Romeos!

Later, after I learned about sales, I became the highest paid salesman in the Company

and earned as much in one year as in five years of engineering management!

Why this happened to me was a mystery. I knew I was successful in whatever hobby I was drawn to, music, photography, and electronics. But I didn't attribute this success to anything supernatural. If there was a god He didn't make Himself known to me.

Of course, that was ignorance on my part. Now I know that all my life I have been under observation.

Strange how I could jump into pluff mud with both feet and come up smelling like a rose. That's god interfering with my life.

I have friends who have made a muck of their lives. They seem to always make the wrong choices. Atheists have the most problems, but some 'Christians' aren't doing

much better. How many people in your extended family have broken marriages, alcoholics, children on drugs or time in prison?

A lot has to do with IQ, I am sure. Smart people seem to manage life better.

You might think that the Church would help them make the right choices, but just as many churchgoers are getting divorced, have troubled kids, serve time, as do Atheists.

Jesus was sent to help people to get out of prison, see the light, cure their souls, and become good citizens.

He still offers to cure men, and to help them see. Most men won't open their eyes to look upon Him.

Oh, many people go to church on Sunday and listen to the music and the preacher, but

they don't listen to Jesus. In fact most Pastor's won't talk about Jesus for fear of turning off somebody and losing their contributions to the church. In America most churches are privately funded, and the congregation has to pay the light bill, the mortgage, and the salaries. People often come to church for comfort and commiseration, the last thing they want to hear is that Jesus wants them to give up some attachment, and spend more time doing work for Him.

I was one who avoided listening to Jesus's demands for some sixty years. But He was so patient with me. He let me play for sixty years, then He interfered with my life and it was changed forever.

I am assuming that if you are reading this at all you must be retired, because working people have no time to spend seeking after god. If they devote an hour on Sunday it is to listen to the Pastor, and perhaps sing a few songs and say a couple of prayers. But learning from Jesus is not their ambition.

What person comes away from a Sunday service and wants to change their life? Does anyone you know give up their Sunday's to do work for god? I mean do those things that Jesus said is necessary o enter the Kingdom of Heaven? Or do people go shopping, or watch TV?

I listened to Jesus. I gave up sailing, hobbies, TV, friends, just so that I could study what Jesus had taught the Apostles to do, so that I could learn to do something just as meaningful. I wanted to know what did

Thomas do? And Philip, Nathanael, James, Andrew, and Peter? And what is John teaching us in the New Testament?

What was I supposed to do? I talked with holy men to find out what they did. I read about the ancient church fathers to see what they did. I struggled with the sayings of Jesus to understand what He was expecting of me.

What did I do to earn the right to have Jesus as my instructor?

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Alone in a Hurricane

The Pacific crossing from Puerto Vallarta to Hilo in Hawaii was the equivalent of a first solo flight. Every pilot must do it before getting his license. My first solo ‘flight’ was in a small yacht that was to be at sea for 28 days, always out of sight of land. I had a companion to feed me and stand watch while I slept, but she didn’t help with navigation or sailing. If I fell off the boat, she would have been unable to rescue me as she had no knowledge of sailing. She would also have been lost at sea.

In those days there was no GPS for navigation, and no downloadable weather charts from the Internet to know upcoming weather. I had only historical weather data on

a dozen colored charts, one for each month, that predicted the sort of weather I would expect in the Pacific in any month, but nothing to warn me of any hurricane that might be brewing in my area in May.

A tropical depression spawned off Acapulco when I was five days out and 500 miles from PV—too late to turn back. I heard the news on my short wave radio. It was headed my way.

Soon enough, hurricane Alma was created and was moving on the same track to Hawaii that I was on, but at twice my forward speed. It was expected to run over my position in 24 hours.

What to do? Say a prayer and hope for the best? What I understood about god and Jesus at that time could be written on the back of an

envelope. What I had learned from my friends was that god helps those who help themselves. In other words I had to do the best I could before divine providence might step in to help me. Well, I could do a lot by myself, so wasn't expecting any help.

I now know that 'god' is always with good people in Spirit, and He can affect circumstances through angelic intervention. There is no other explanation than this for the events in my life which led to my conversion.

Conversion

This book is only the beginning of my conversion experience. I hope to pass it on to you. I have written more than 500 booklets so far—more than 3 million words, most of

which are unpublished and a only revealed to my family and friends.

What you can read here is a beginning—what you need to know in order to learn how to ‘sail with Jesus.’

After you have grasped the basics, the study of the sayings of Jesus you will earn the right to have Jesus as your instructor.

Without this ground work, you cannot expect Jesus to become your instructor and show you how to earn your ‘wings.’

The Holy Bible

It is a jolt when you learn that in the New Testament there are only two hours of ‘ground’ instruction from Jesus.

Yes, that is how long it takes to read every word Jesus speaks in the New Testament.

Jesus gave a thousand hours of instruction to Peter. Peter's secretary, Mark wrote down everything that Peter told him 'leaving nothing out, and adding nothing of his own,' according to the 4th century church historian Eusebius. Unfortunately for fundamentalists who only read the Bible, less than 20 minutes of that teaching from Peter, was made public in Mark's Gospel.

You can't earn the right to have Jesus as an instructor after studying only two hours of Jesus groundwork, but that's all there is in the New Testament.

My friends who have earned that right, have dedicated every spare minute to learning about Jesus. I have friends of priests, bishops, brethren and sisters in Christ, and even an Archbishop.

Most ordinary ‘lay’ people are still in basic training after a lifetime in the ‘church.’ People know so little about Jesus that they can’t even quote anything He said. Jesus said about 600 important things. You would think that ‘christians’ would know a dozen or so.

Last week a broker came to the house to get me to invest with his Company. I told him that since god has provided everything I have ever needed, I had no need of his Company. We talked about church. He was very enthusiastic. He was an Usher and a SS teacher of children at a Mega church. I suggested that he probably went there for business contacts and for the entertainment, because they didn’t teach anything about Jesus at his church. He was indignant. I said ‘tell me something Jesus said’ He was in silence and couldn’t say anything

about Jesus. He sent me a nice thank you card, hand written.

How the Apostles were trained

How many tunes can you hum or sing that you heard on television when you were young?

When I was only eight years old there was a puppet song called ‘flower pot men,’ and I can still sing the words. I remember the jingles for ‘Fairy Liquid’ soap. And I can sing the parody of ‘When Shepherds watched their flock by night,’ that we sang under our breath in junior high. It was: ‘when shepherds washed their socks at night all seated round the tub, a bar of sunlight soap came down and they began to scrub!’”

And I never wrote down these words. They have been embedded in my memory along with hundreds of classical tunes, jazz tunes, and rock songs from the sixties. I can still play on the guitar tunes I played at fourteen. None of it was documented.

This was how the Apostles remembered Jesus. They could recite everything He said to them. This is how they passed His sayings on.

In fact the Apostles considered that what He said was sacred, and not to be shared with any Tom, Dick or Harry, but to be spoken of only to those graduates of the ‘ground school’ who Jesus called ‘little children.’

Ground school was called the Kingdom of Heaven in those days. New converts to *The*

Way, entered into the Kingdom of Heaven to experience The Father's love.

After passing an examination the 'children' were baptized and became student 'pilots,' and put under an instructor who had been trained by Jesus.

Inquisitive people might want to know what Jesus had taught, but only student pilots were allowed to listen in.

There is an Aramaic colloquialism that Jesus once said in the New Testament text: 'we don't hang rings on pigs.' It means today something like 'we don't give instruction to people who are not serious about becoming a pilot.'

Children of god

In the New Testament Jesus goes to ‘the borders of Tyre and Sidon’ to get away from everyone. He is petitioned by a non-Jew. Jesus gives only ‘crumbs’ to this woman. This woman is a metaphor for gentiles, according to the church fathers.

Jesus’s bread was to be given only to the ‘children of God,’ whom He calls peacemakers—those who do the Will of His Father and don’t argue about it. All others were to given only ‘crumbs’ of His teaching. That is what we have in the Catholic New Testament, you know the King James Version. Gentiles were given only the crumbs. To get the full teaching you must become a ‘child of god.’

First of all before you even embark on this quest, you need to know which god you want to be a child of? How can you begin to do the Will of The Father and become a peacemaker if you don't know who Jesus means when He says 'God?'

So, one of the first lessons in ground school is to understand what Jesus means by 'My Father.'

The Lord's Prayer

Most Pastors recite the 'Our Father' prayer every Sunday with the congregation and no one asks who actually is The Father they are praying to.

Many do not understand that this prayer is to affirm to Jesus that the disciple considered

himself to really be a son of The Father and a brother to Jesus.

When you say it, do you understand this? Do you even know what you must be like as a person in order to qualify to be a brother of Jesus?

If a person who recites the Lord's prayer is ignorant of who is The Father, who are they expecting to answer their prayer? As Clement of Rome said in 100 AD 'it could be they are praying to the Devil if they have evil in their heart, because The Father would not respond to someone who has evil in his heart.'

Who did Jesus mean when He says 'My Father?'

He told the Disciples that before He was sent to the 'lost sheep of Israel,' no-one even knew of The Father at all—not Moses nor the

Prophets. Only Jesus the ‘son of man’ who walked around Galilee, was capable of revealing The Father, and then only to those He selected.

Some of the Apostles knew who was The Father: Thomas, Peter, Andrew, Philip, John, and James passed on the teaching of Jesus about His Father. You probably haven’t read what Philip, Thomas, Andrew, James, and Nathanael said about The Father.

Until the 20th century most of the teaching of Jesus given to the seven were hidden from the public. A man had to commit to a life of poverty and celibacy in order to be .educated about Jesus

But since the 1950s the writings about Jesus which had been hidden from the public, and about which John had said all the books

in the world then existing could not contain them, have been translated into English. Any person with a good IQ and the time can study what Jesus taught about The Father.

But, who amongst ordinary men would undertake such a study? Perhaps one person in a thousand. You have probably never met such a one.

I know of perhaps a dozen people who have undertaken the study of The Father from the teachings of Jesus. They don't usually discuss it with ordinary folk. When they get together they use terms that lay people wouldn't understand. It's like listening to two engineers discuss some new project they are working on. As soon as they start chatting in engineering lingo all other listeners move

away, unable to follow the conversation. That's how it is when theologian and priests chat. No ordinary listener has a clue what they are saying.

This is a problem when reading the ancient books about Jesus that are newly translated into English. If you don't know the terminology you will quickly become frustrated and will put the book back on the shelf. So even though the words of Jesus from ancient documents have been made available to the public, they are too mysterious for ordinary folk.

The English New Testament

The New Testament itself was written for 'plow boys' to understand the Bible

according to Rev William Tyndale, the Roman Catholic Priest who wrote most of the King James Version.

The King James Version is a simple English translation of the original Latin Bible written by Jerome in the 4th century, itself a ‘vulgar’ bible for ordinary priests. Yet even this simple exposition of Jesus’s sayings is confusing to most people.

Hours of study and preparation

In my preparation for adult education classes, I would sometimes spend forty hours studying for a 45 minute talk.

I once spent an entire season to explain the meaning of the Sermon on the Mount, which is only a few chapters in Matthew.

The Good Samaritan parable took me four Sundays to explain to my class, and these were smart people.

So, even though you can read the books about Jesus's teaching of the Apostles, you may not understand them on your own. You must have a teacher who knows what they mean.

I am such a teacher.

It is not possible to understand Jesus from the text only. You must follow His instructions and see what comes of it. You must be sensitive to the outcome of your efforts to emulate Jesus, and begin to recognize what it means to behave like Jesus. Through this experience you will experience how The Father treats His 'children.'

In the image and likeness of ‘god.’

It has been said that man was made in the image and likeness of ‘god,’ at first, but because of the ‘fall’ man lost his likeness to ‘god.’ Man must spend his time trying to regain his likeness to god. Not of course in essence but to behave like god in goodness and justice.

To many American Protestants the idea that man can become ‘like god,’ is blasphemous, yet it is the ambition of Hindus, Muslims, Jews and Catholics the world over, and is what Jesus was trying to teach the lost sheep.

Lost in translation

In the rush to establish a ‘Christian Faith’ for America the message of Jesus seems to have been lost. I say this because the vast majority of Americans call themselves born again ‘Christians’ and seem to have no interest in becoming like Jesus or ‘god.’ They only want to be ‘saved’ by reading their Bible.

Catholics, and Anglicans, Orthodox, and others want more than this. They want to learn how to be like Jesus—how to sail with Jesus.

No-one can learn to sail with Jesus from reading a book. You have to be instructed. You have to study under someone who ‘knows.’ And you have to practice, as new knowledge is unveiled to you.

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